

Heber Annexation Questioned by Daniel Residents

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"One of the only ways you can stop the encroachment is for you to incorporate," Mayor Lynn Adams said in response to concerns raised by Daniel residents over a newly proposed annexation south of the airport.

The Heber City Council voted to send two proposed annexa-

tions to the Heber City Planning Commission on Thursday, Feb. 5.

One annexation, the Critchfield Property Annexation, will annex 21.94 acres of land south of the airport most of which was recently acquired by Heber City to expand a buffer surrounding the airport.

The second, a much more controversial one, will annex 109.23 acres adjacent to the airport. This

property contains both industrial and residential property along Daniels Road.

Heber City recently sent letters to inquire about the possibility of a petitioner for annexation, a move that some Daniel residents said they regarded as the city petitioning for annexation.

Heber City has also been discussing the purchase of some property known as the Simpson

property. Simpson is one of the property owners who petitioned for annexation.

Daniel residents present at the meeting raised questions as to whether this is a conflict of interest with a property owner that is under contract with Heber City petitioning for annexation.

The residents' many concerns include higher tax rates and city services. At the top of their list,

however, is the widening of Daniels Road and increased industrial traffic along a mostly residential road.

Mayor Adams explained that the council's intention currently is to not to widen the road. He said before the road is widened, a traffic study would need to be done to determine if there will be an increase in traffic.

Additionally, the Mayor told

the residents that Daniel township needed to incorporate and draw the line right up against Heber City. He said this was the only to prevent further expansion. This situation, he added, could be very costly to the residents of Daniel.

The vote, however, was not whether the annexation passes,

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Dump plan. Re-focus on kids

Wasatch County Parks and Recreation Director Tom Bonner proposed a plan to purchase adult exercise equipment for an after-school fitness program targeted at 10- to 14-year-old kids.

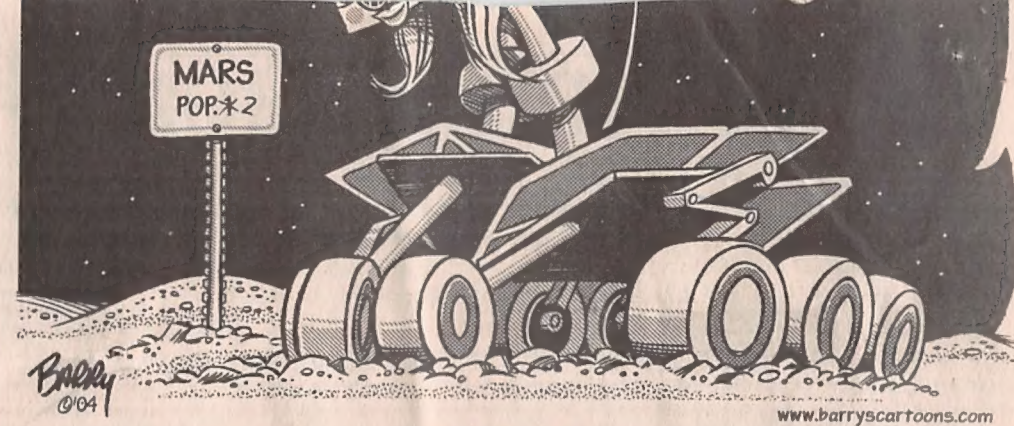
This equipment includes stationary bikes, elliptical machines and treadmills.

Bonner made the proposal at Monday's Wasatch County Council meeting. While at the podium, he emphasized the purchase, to be

for youth with a \$15,000 grant to be a veiled attempt to create a free gym for county employees – not kids. Don't you think kids would rather rollerblade, jump rope or play dodge ball for physical activity? We do.

But, before totally condemning Bonner – who of all people should know better – *the Wave* wants to give him and his staff credit for promoting exercise to kids.

He told the Council that current statistics from J.R. Smith Elementary



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